

CONNECTICUT BIRD ATLAS – INCIDENTAL OBSERVATION FORM

Use this form to report breeding species detected incidentally (i.e., when not surveying an assigned block). Incidental records are especially valuable if they confirm breeding for a species, or involve unusual or difficult to find species.

Observer: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Send to: Connecticut Bird Atlas, c/o Chris Elphick, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology,
University of Connecticut, 75 North Eagleville Road, Unit 3043, Storrs, CT 06269-3043
Or email (scans): ctbirdatlasdata@gmail.com (subject: CT Bird Atlas Incidental Obs)

Date (m/d/y)	Latitude/Longitude (decimal degrees)*	Block ID	Species	Breeding Code	Notes

*Instructions for getting this information from Google Maps are on the atlas web site. Alternatively, mark the location on a paper map and submit with this form.

Breeding Codes:

X – seen or heard but not in suitable nesting habitat; no evidence of breeding

H – seen in suitable habitat within safe dates, but no other indication of breeding noted

S – singing in suitable habitat within safe dates

M – multiple (7+) singing males in suitable habitat

P – pair in suitable habitat during breeding season

T – song or other evidence of territory establishment on at least two days, a week or more apart

C – courtship behavior or copulation

N – bird visiting probable nest site

A – agitated behavior or anxiety calls from adults suggesting probable nest or young nearby

B – nest building by wrens or woodpeckers

PE – physiological evidence (brood patch, etc.)

CN – carrying nest material (do not use for wrens)

NB – nest building (do not use for wrens and woodpeckers)

DD – distraction display or injury feigning

UN – used nest or eggshells; careful confirmation of species necessary

FL – recently fledged young or downy young of galliforms, shorebirds or waterfowl; young should be incapable of sustained flight and dependent on adults for food and/or protection

ON – adults entering or leaving nest site, indicating occupied nest (use for cavity nesters only when bird enters hole and stays inside, when a pair exchange places while incubating, or when a bird leaves after being inside for some time)

CF – adult carrying food for young (do not use for raptors, corvids, kingfishers, terns; take care near block boundaries)

FY – adult feeding young away from the nest

FS – adult carrying fecal sac

NE – Nest with eggs or adult sitting on nest

NY – Nest with young